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### **Seat Pleasant, MD Announces First Health Officer**

*Seat Pleasant: A Smart City of Excellence, becomes the first small municipality to appoint a Health Officer, bringing scientifically backed COVID-19 response to the city of 4,500*

**Seat Pleasant, MD, Wednesday, March 18, 2020** –As the World’s First Authentic Small Smart City, Seat Pleasant is approaching the COVID-19 pandemic from a “Smart” strategy to protect the health and safety of its constituents. To accomplish this, Seat Pleasant is proud to announce the appointment of Dr. Dawne M. Carroll as the City’s first Health Officer.

Dr. Dawne M. Carroll has been serving the Washington, D.C. area for over 25 years as a physician, medical director, and healthcare business leader. She is licensed to practice medicine and surgery in Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, D.C. Since 1992, Dr. Carroll has been board-certified by the American Board of Emergency Medicine. Additionally, she holds certifications as a Civil Surgeon, Certified Medical Examiner, CDC Vaccine Administrator, and ringside physician for the DC and Virginia Boxing Commission.

“I am pleased that my nomination of Dr. Carroll as our first Health Officer was approved by the City Council. Seat Pleasant has been diligently addressing the COVID-19 pandemic by ensuring we use all resources available to us to protect the health and safety of our residents, which includes the appointment of a board-certified Health Officer. Dr. Carroll, with her history of exemplary medical service and dedication to underserved communities, is a vitally important resource in our public health response,” says Mayor Eugene W. Grant.

Educated at Howard University and Eastern Virginia Medical School, Dr. Carroll has worked in emergency care management at Children’s National Medical Center, Kaiser Permanente, and the National Naval Medical center as well as serving as CEO of Maryland Physicians for Compassionate Care and founding her own practice.

As a respected leader in her field, Dr. Carroll has shared her talents and knowledge with the next generation of medical professions as an instructor at Georgetown University and Anne Arundel Community College while also sponsoring the accident and emergency ward at Sekunda Hospital in Gambia, West Africa. She is a member of numerous professional organizations including but not limited to the American Board of Quality Medicine, National Medical Association, and American Academy of Family Physicians.

“I truly look forward to serving the people of Seat Pleasant as Health Officer. I spent many of my formative childhood years living in this city and welcome the opportunity to lead its

COVID-19 response and generally improve the health and safety of all residents,” says Dr. Carroll.

A welcome addition to City Hall, Dr. Carroll will be responsible for many aspects of Seat Pleasant’s pandemic response plan. She will lead and introduce scientifically-based efforts to prevent the introduction of contagious disease into the City and establish quarantine zones. Drawing on her expertise in emergency care, Dr. Carroll will also advise the City on containment guidelines for those diagnosed with COVID-19, inspection and regulation of buildings for detrimental health conditions, and strategies to provide care and support to higher-risk populations including the elderly and immunocompromised. In addition to managing the pandemic response, Dr. Carroll will also coordinate all health-related issues that impact Seat Pleasant.

For more information on the event or to request an invitation to attend, please contact Rachel Kubi at [rachel.kubi@seatpleasantmd.gov](mailto:rachel.kubi@seatpleasantmd.gov) or 240-468-3912.

### **About The City of Seat Pleasant, MD**

Founded in 1931, the city of Seat Pleasant is a small bedroom community west of Washington, DC in Prince George’s County, Maryland. Its government is balanced with a Mayor and Seven Councilmembers. Seat Pleasant: A Smart City of Excellence is committed to finding ways to deliver services effectively and efficiently and provide meaningful and innovative methods to engage our citizenry. The City of Seat Pleasant is the first Smart City in the state of Maryland offering Smart City services that are better, faster, and personalized making it a “City for Me” using information and communication technology, with the internet of things.

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